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I met last evening with Archbishop Mariano Rosselly Arellano at his request in a private home.

He told me that he was appealing to me for direct US intervention. He said that his concern was that now army has moved out of the city and government yesterday completed its program of arming laborers and agrarian workers, the city was no longer protected from mob violence. He was fearful that all anti-Communists and Christians in the next few days might be subject to drastic reprisals. He added that he knew that we could evacuate Americans if necessary even if we had to use force. However, we had a terrific moral obligation to prevent anarchy and chaos in the city thereby preventing the sacrificing of lives of people who had constantly opposed the Communist regime.

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